

# Desert Rats Surprise Landstuhl, Face Bitburg in Finals



Fields

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RAMSTEIN, Germany, March 3 (S&S)—The Chambley Desert Rats, a team that no one figured to go anyplace but back home, pulled the upset of the USAFE basketball tournament last night as they defeated Landstuhl, 66-56.

The win put the hustling Rats into the tourney finals against the Bitburg Barons tonight. If the Barons win, they are in. If Chambley wins, the double-elimination affair will go to a final game tomorrow.

Landstuhl was sent home last night. The victory was sweet revenge for the up-to-now unsung Chambley five. Last Tuesday, the Rats lost to Landstuhl by 30 points. But that was last Tuesday. Last night, the iron-man quintet from the little base in Northeastern France out hustled the bigger Raiders from the beginning.

Landstuhl took a quick 5-0 lead in the opening minutes, and Chambley didn't catch up until 50



Kincheloe

seconds before the half, when little Jim Fields, a sparkplug all night for the Rats, threw in a one-hander to give them the lead, 28-27.

Bill Wilkerson's foul shot tied the score at intermission. When the two teams met before, the halftime situation was approximately the same, as Landstuhl led by a point at the 20-minute mark.

Chambley rewrote the script for the second half this time.

## Rats Take Lead

In the first six minutes of the second half, the Rats were up and off to the races. Fields scored on a driving layup and a set, Bob Sisk threw in a layup, Jerry Kincheloe sank a brace of free throws and Leif Carlson scored on three one-handers to give the Rats a 42-32 lead before Landstuhl could turn around.

That was it. Once ahead, Chambley was not to be denied, and

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|--------------|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|
|              | FG | FT | TP |              | FG | FT | TP |
| Sisk, f      | 4  | 1  | 2  | Shrum, f     | 5  | 2  | 12 |
| Redman, f    | 1  | 0  | 2  | Dulaney, f   | 2  | 2  | 6  |
| Kincheloe, c | 3  | 13 | 15 | Sumner, c    | 4  | 3  | 11 |
| Fields, g    | 11 | 1  | 23 | Callih, g    | 3  | 0  | 6  |
| Carlson, g   | 0  | 1  | 13 | Stimms, g    | 4  | 1  | 9  |
|              |    |    |    | Wilkerson, g | 4  | 2  | 10 |
|              |    |    |    | Lewis, g     | 1  | 0  | 2  |

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| Redman, f     | 1         | 0         | 2         | Dulaney, f    | 2         | 2         | 6         |
| Kincheloe, c  | 3         | 13        | 19        | Sumner, c     | 4         | 3         | 11        |
| Fields, g     | 11        | 1         | 23        | Cahill, g     | 3         | 0         | 6         |
| Carlson, g    | 6         | 1         | 13        | Simms, g      | 4         | 1         | 9         |
|               |           |           |           | Wilkerson, g  | 4         | 2         | 10        |
|               |           |           |           | Lewis, g      | 1         | 0         | 2         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>56</b> |
| Chambley      |           |           |           | 28            | 38        | 66        |           |
| Landstuhl     |           |           |           | 28            | 28        | 56        |           |

rest of the way.

With 2:10 left in the ball game, Landstuhl's Marion Simms threw in a jump shot from the side to bring the score to 57-48, and for a moment it looked as if the Raiders might be coming back.

But Kincheloe scored on a drive, came back with two foul shots, Fields sank a side set and Sisk laid one up that put the game out of Landstuhl's reach, much to the delight of the cheering fans, most of whom were for the Rats anyway.

### Fields Scores 23

Fields, who was fairly well bottled up the last time these two teams met, was high scorer with 23 points, and he had to work for every one of them as player-coach Jim Cahill and Bob Lewis played him tight all evening. Kincheloe, who played with intestinal flu, accounted for 19 points, including 13 of 15 from the foul line.

For Landstuhl, Paul Shrum led with 12 markers, while big Jack Sumner had 11.

## Chambley Places Two On France All Stars

RAMSTEIN, Germany, March 3 (S&S)—The Chambley Desert Rats, France Conference champions, placed two men on the conference all-star team announced here today. High-scoring forward Jim Fields and center Jerry Kincheloe were the two Chambley players honored.

Herb Hartwig, Chambley coach, was chosen as first-team pilot, while Chateauroux' John Maffucci was named to guide the second five.

The first and second teams:

### FIRST TEAM

F—Jim Fields, Chambley  
F—Dick Honingford, Laon  
C—Jerry Kincheloe, Chambley  
G—George Dujmovich, Chateauroux  
G—Charles Hall, Chaumont  
Coach—Herb Hartwig, Chambley

### SECOND TEAM

F—Jim Raspberry, Chateauroux  
F—Dave Gambrell, Orly  
C—Chet Miller, Laon  
G—Cliff Freer, Chateauroux  
G—Leif Carlson, Chambley  
Coach—John Maffucci, Chateauroux